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Turkey: Ankara's announcement yesterday that it plans to expel the remainder of the Greek nationals living in Turkey and to investigate the Eastern Orthodox Patriarchate is designed to exert pressure on Athens in the Cyprus dispute.

Newspaper demands for expulsion of the Greeks and the Patriarchate had been growing in recent days. Some government circles had also urged applying pressure on the Greeks to force Athens to the conference table.

In the past, Ankara's expulsion statements have been sharper than the actions which followed. The Urguplu government is aware of the value of the Greeks as hostages for the Turkish minority on Cyprus, and may stop short of expelling all Greeks. In any event, the Patriarchate and about 55,000 ethnic Greek citizens of Turkey would still remain for bargaining purposes.

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Yemen: A new republican government, not dominated by the Egyptians, may be in the making.

Pro-Egyptian premier al-Amri resigned early this month in the face of mounting hostility toward the Egyptians, sparked partly by the assassination of an anti-Egyptian "third force" republican leader. President Sallal now has asked an anti-Egyptian republican, Ahmad Numan, to form a government.

In agreeing to the appointment, the veteran Yemeni politician insisted that he be allowed to form his government without seeking Egyptian approval. Announcement of the government may be delayed pending a favorable response by a tribal conference under "third force" sponsorship scheduled for later this week.

The premier-designate has privately asked for US budgetary support in the event Cairo withdraws its backing. He has also asked the US to sound out Saudi Arabia's attitude toward an anti-Egyptian republican government in Yemen.

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Rumania-US: [Rumania, apparently disturbed over poor prospects for improving mutual relations, seems to be reassessing its policies toward the US.]

[Inability to expand commercial relations with the US seems to be the primary problem. Protracted negotiations for the purchase of a synthetic rubber complex from the Firestone Company have fallen through. The Rumanians attached particular importance to this contract when they presented a shopping list of needed equipment and technology to the US last year.]

[The Rumanians have been expressing frustration over delays in arranging commercial deals in the US and canceled one contract for this reason. They have also complained about the problem of finding US markets for their products.]

[These developments, in addition to Rumania's delicate position in the Communist world, probably prompted Bucharest to abandon its circumspect commentary on Vietnam and to begin attacking "US aggression." In addition, Rumania is apparently stalling negotiations for a consular convention with the US.]

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